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SUBJECT: SAUDI REGULATOR ON THE MOVE AGAIN

1. SAUDI VISAS FOR DEPENDENTS. CONFLICTING NEWSPAPER REPORTS REGARDING SAG DECISION TO RESTRICT VISITS BY FOREIGN WORKER RELATIVES TO CHILDREN UNDER 18-YEARS OF AGE HAVE RESULTED IN POST RECEIVING NUMEROUS QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENT AMCITS. ASSUME EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH MFA AND WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON NEW VISA REGULATIONS WHICH CAN BE PASSED TO AMCITS IN CONSULAR DISTRICT WHO WISH TO BRING IN PARENTS AND COLLEGE-AGE CHILDREN NOW ON SUMMER VACATION. ARAMCO INFORMS US THAT ITS OFFICE IN RIYADH HAS DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH SAUDI OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ARAMCONS BUT THAT PARENTS OR OTHER RELATIVES WILL NOT BE ISSUED VISAS. ARAMCO COMMENTS THAT IT PLANS TO PURSUE THE MATTER USING THE LINE OF ARGUMENT THAT IF VISAS CAN BE GRANTED FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN, WHY NOT FOR PARENTS? ARAMCON OFFICIALS IN RIYADH, WHEN PROBING SAG OFFICIALS ON VIAS QUESTION, ASKED IF THEY COULD BE PROVIDED WITH COPY OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR INSTRUCTIONS EXPLAINING NEW VISA REGULATIONS. REQUEST WAS DECLINED AND, ONLY ORAL GUIDANCE WAS GIVEN.

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2. RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT OF POV'S. ALTHOUGH THIS PROBLEM APPARENTLY HAS BEEN KILLED WITH CANCELLATION OF INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SAUDI-REGISTERED AUTOMOBILES, ARAMCO'S RIYADH OFFICE DISCOVERED RECENTLY THAT THE WHOLE ISSUE WAS SET OFF BY A COMPLAINT TO SAG BY GOE. EGYPTIANS CLAIMED THAT DURING RECENT CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN CAIRO AN UNDUE NUMBER OF SAUDI-REGISTERED

VEHICLES WERE SEEN IN THE AREAS WHERE THE DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE. GOE POLICE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE OWNED BY EGYPTIANS AND PALESTINIANS, ON VACATION IN EGYPT FROM JOBS IN SAUDI ARABIA, WHO WISHED TO MEDDLE IN EGYPT'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR CONSEQUENTLY RESPONDED BY PREVENTING ALL SAUDI-REGISTERED POV'S FROM LEAVING COUNTRY.

3. WORKING WOMEN UNDER SAG SCRUTINY AGAIN. AMERICAN COMPANIES IN CONSULAR DISTRICT ARE ONCE AGAIN VERY NERVOUS OVER REPORTS THAT SAG OFFICIALS ARE CHECKING OFFICES AND TAKING PUNITIVE ACTION WHEN THEY FIND WOMEN WORKING IN THEM. NORTHROP HAS BEEN WARNED ABOUT THEIR WOMEN EMPLOYEES AGAIN AND COMPANY IS SEEKING MODA'S ASSISTANCE (PREVIOUSLY PROMISED BY MODA DEPUTY MINISTER TURKI) TO DTER MINISTRY OF INTERIOR INSPECTIORS. IBM, ON OTHER HAND, WAS FORCED TO DISMISS ITS FEMALE EMPLOYEES LAST WEEK AS RESULT OF RAIDS ON ALKHOBAR'S "SLEEP COMFOR BUILDING" WHERE IBM LOCATED. BRITISH ACCOUNTING FIRM WAS ALSO HIT BY SAG OFFICIALS AND WAS FINED, WE UNDERSTAND, SR 5,000. OTHER COMPANY OFFICES IN SLEEP COMFORT BUILDING WERE VISITED AS WELL - SOME ON THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO SEARCH FOR AND TURNOUT ANY ILLEGAL FEMALE EMPLOYEE. TO PROTECT THEMSELVES IN THIS SIUTATION, SEVERAL AMERICAN COMPANIES ARE PREPARING TO IMPLEMENT PLANS TO FORM TYPING POOLS IN PRIVATE HOMES AND HAVE MESSENGER RUNS TO AND FROM THOSE LOCATION TO COMPANY OFFICES. APPRECIATE EMBASSY PROVIDING POST WITH ANY ADVICE IT MAY PICK UP ON WORKING WIVES AS LOCAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICAN FIRMS LOOK TO POST FOR INFORMATION AND, HOPEFULLY, SPECIAL GUIDANCE OR INSTRUCTIONS EMBOFFS MAY GLEAM FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH SAG OFFICIALS IN RIYADH ON LEGALITIES OR SUBTERFUGES REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN THEIR OFFICES.

4. COMMENT: A PROPOS OF FOREGOING, A RECENT MEETING OF ARAMCONS, CALLED TO DISCUSS FOEGOING QUESTIONS, CONCLUDED THEIR CONFERRING WITH COLLECTIVE COMMENT THAT "SOME NUT MUST HAVE BROKEN LOOSE IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR" TO HAVE CAUSED ALL THE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED ABOVE.
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